

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS – Review of Sand Mining Policy in the State – Quarrying of sand by Women Self Help Groups through Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation – New Sand Policy-2014 – Orders – Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (MINES-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 94.

Dated: 28-08-2014

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.24, Industries & Commerce (M.I) Department, dated:12-02-2007.
2. G.O.Ms.No.84, Industries & Commerce (M.I) Department, dated:10-04-2007.
3. G.O.Ms.No.142, Industries & Commerce (M.1) Department, dated:13-10-2012.
4. G.O.Ms.No.154, Industries & Commerce (M.1) Department, dated:15-11-2012.
5. G.O.Ms.No.186, Industries & Commerce (M.1)Department, dated:17-12-2013.
6. G.O.Ms.No.63, Industries & Commerce (M.1) Department, dated:22-02-2014.
7. G.O.Ms.No.224, Industries & Commerce (M.1) Department, dated:09-06-2014.

ORDER:-

In the G.O. 1st read above, the subject matter of "auctioning of sand" was transferred from Panchayat Raj Department to Industries Department. In the Government order 2nd read above, suitable amendments to Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 were issued in respect of auctioning of sand and for regulation of sand quarrying in the state.

2. In the G.O. 3rd cited, Government changed the Sand Policy in the year 2012 to regulate the sand quarrying activity due to Supreme Court orders dated 27-02-2012. It made the need of obtaining Environmental Clearance from MoEF for sand quarrying mandatory.

3. Subsequently, vide G.O's 4th & 5th read above, introduced and continued the system of allotment of sand reaches through lottery system. Quarrying of sand in patta lands and de-siltation of Irrigation project areas were also introduced.

4. It is noticed in the existing sand policy that Second Sale of reaches after allotment has become rampant and illegal sand quarrying was continued in adjoining areas.

5. The Government reviewed the existing sand policy and a committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Revenue (Lands) Department, vide G.O. reference 7th read above to examine the existing policy and suggest measures to simplify the procedures for sand mining.

6. As per the recommendations of the Committee constituted vide reference 7th read above, the New Sand Policy-2014 is being introduced with the approval of State Cabinet on 01-08-2014. The salient features of the New Sand Policy-2014 is as follows:-

- i) All the Sand Reaches in the State will be entrusted to M/s. A.P. Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC) Ltd.,
- ii) All Sand reaches will be allotted to the District/Mandal Mahila Samakhyas or Gramasangams for undertaking Sand quarrying depending on the potential of each sand reach.

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- iii) Sand will be made available at reasonable prices both at the quarry site and as well as at various stock points that would be established.
- iv) The extraction will be carried out scientifically and the entire process will be monitored using CC cameras at Quarry sites as well as stock points.
- v) All the payments will be only through the banking system and no cash transactions shall be allowed.
- vi) M/s. Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., Department of Mines & Geology and Department of Rural Development at the State level and the Collector and S.P at the District level will provide necessary guidance and support which includes capacity building, meeting working capital requirements, procuring of machinery for sand extraction, transport, loading and unloading, safety, protection and immediate support in case of any Law and Order situation.
- vii) Not more than 25% of the net profits would be made over to the Women Self Help Groups.
- viii) M/s. Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., will support the Zilla Mahila Samakhyas in establishing Manufacture Sand Units.

7. In accordance with this New Sand Policy 2014 amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 are issued separately.

8. The policy shall come into force with immediate effect. All notifications already issued for allotment reaches shall stand cancelled.

9. The Government may review the Sand Policy in future as and when required.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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